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# CECC UPDATE: TIBETAN SELF-IMMOLATIONS

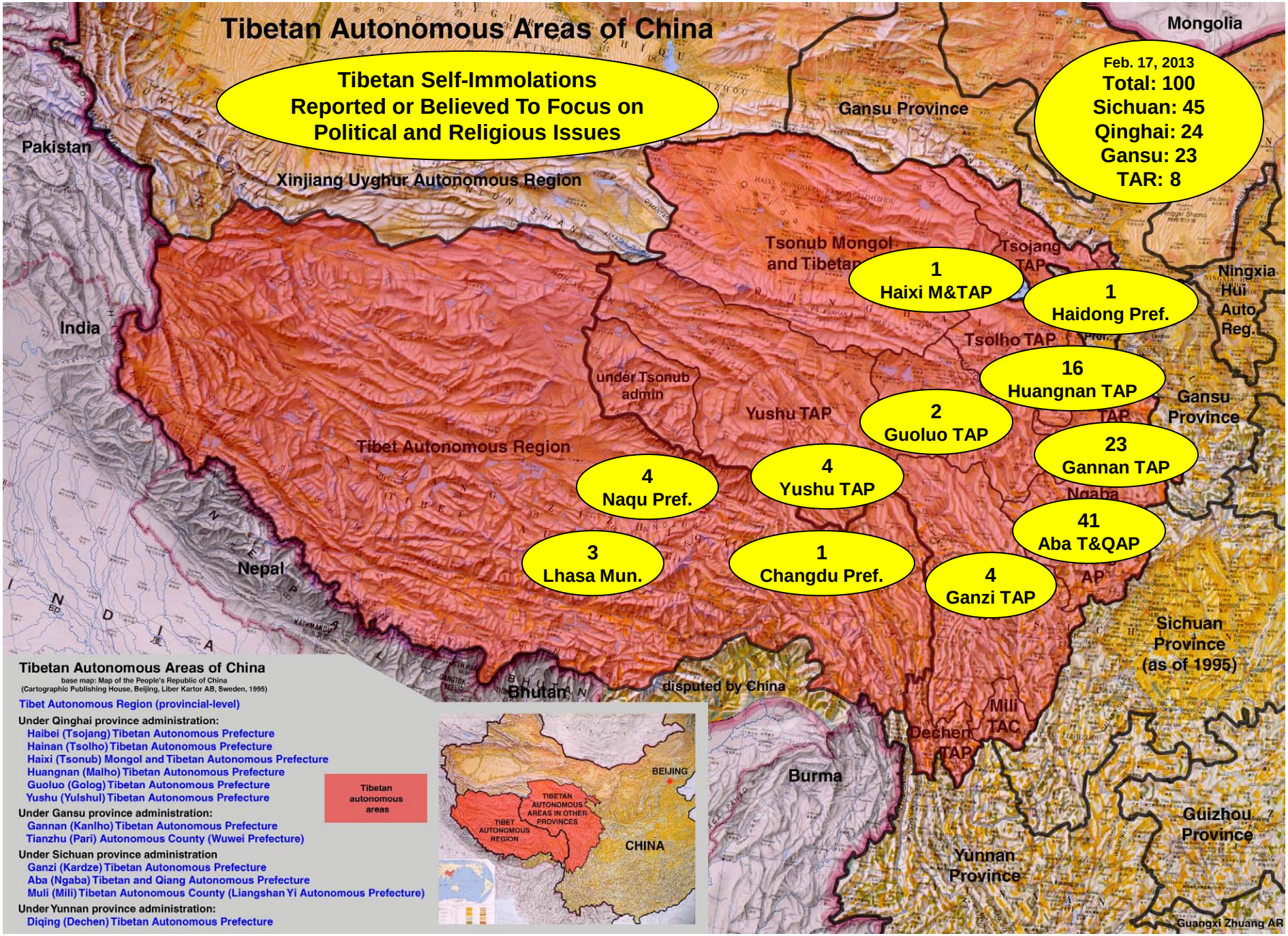
**February 19, 2013**

## Tibetan Self-Immolations Reported or Believed To Focus on Political and Religious Issues Summary, Source, and Location Information as of February 17, 2013

The following summary, map, and list provide updated Tibetan self-immolation information current as of February 17, 2013. The profile of the self-immolators has changed from a majority who were current or former monastics located in Sichuan province, to a majority who were laypersons located outside of Sichuan province.

- As of February 17, 2013, the total number of Tibetan self-immolations reported to focus on political and religious issues reached 100—87 of them reportedly were fatal. (June 27 and September 13, 2012, property protests in Qinghai province are not included in this total.)
- 55 of the 100 self-immolators reportedly were lay persons; 45 were current or former monks or nuns.
- 55 of the 100 self-immolations reportedly took place in Qinghai and Gansu provinces and the Tibet Autonomous Region; 45 took place in Sichuan province.
- 88 of the 100 self-immolators were male; 41 were current or former monks; 47 were laypersons.
- 12 of the 100 self-immolators were female; 4 were current or former nuns; 8 were laypersons.

Source information in the following list is indicative, not complete. The list utilizes brevity as well as color-coding to facilitate easy navigation and recognition of different information types.


Tibetan Autonomous Areas of China
Tibetan Self-Immolations Reported or Believed To Focus on Political and Religious Issues
Feb. 17, 2013
Total: 100
Sichuan: 45
Qinghai: 24
Gansu: 23
TAR: 8
Mongolia
Gansu Province
Pakistan
Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region
Tsonub Mongol and Tibetan
Tsojang TAP
1 Haixi M&TAP
1 Haidong Pref.
Ningxia Hui Auto Reg.
India
Tsolho TAP
16 Huangnan TAP
under Tsonub admin
Yushu TAP
2 Guoluo TAP
Gansu Province
23 Gannan TAP
Tibet Autonomous Region
4 Naqu Pref.
4 Yushu TAP
Ngaba
41 Aba T&QAP
3 Lhasa Mun.
1 Changdu Pref.
4 Ganzi TAP
Nepal
Sichuan Province (as of 1995)
Bhutan
disputed by China
Mili TAC
Dechen TAP
Burma
Guizhou Province
Yunnan Province
Guangxi Zhuang AR
Tibetan Autonomous Areas of China
base map: Map of the People's Republic of China
(Cartographic Publishing House, Beijing, Liber Kartor AB, Sweden, 1995)
Tibet Autonomous Region (provincial-level)
Under Qinghai province administration:
Haibei (Tsojang) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture
Hainan (Tsolho) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture
Haixi (Tsonub) Mongol and Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture
Huangnan (Malho) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture
Guoluo (Golog) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture
Yushu (Yulshul) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture
Under Gansu province administration:
Gannan (Kanlho) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture
Tianzhu (Pari) Autonomous County (Wuwei Prefecture)
Under Sichuan province administration
Ganzi (Kardze) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture
Aba (Ngaba) Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture
Muli (Mili) Tibetan Autonomous County (Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture)
Under Yunnan province administration:
Diqing (Dechen) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture
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**Tibetan Self-Immolations Reported or Believed To Focus on Political and Religious Issues**
**As of February 19, 2013**

**Key: Font and Highlight**

| **List Numbers** | | **Sex** | **Monastic** |
|---|---|---|---|
| 99 | Layperson | male | monk |
| 98 | Monastic (Kirti Monastery) | female | nun |
| 93 | Monastic (except Kirti Monastery) | | |

| **Location** | **Status Reported** |
|---|---|
| Sichuan Province | deceased |
| Qinghai Province | hospitalized or unknown |
| Gansu Province | |
| TAR (Tibet Autonomous Region) | |

**2013: As of February 17, 2013, self-immolation #100: 6 self-immolations reported; 6 reported fatal.**

**100. February 17, 2013.** Namlha Tsering, male, age 49, married father of four children; self-immolated in the seat of Xiahe (Sangchu), Gannan (Kanlho) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture (TAP), Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., Free Tibet, 17 February 12; RFA, 17 February 13; Phayul, 18 February 13.

**99. February 13, 2013.** Drugpa Khar, male, age 26, father of three children; self-immolated in Amuqu (Achog) township, Xiahe (Sangchu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 14 February 13; ICT, 14 February 13.

**98. February 3, 2013.** Lobsang Namgyal, male, age 37; monk, Kirti Monastery; self-immolated near the county PSB office in the seat of Ruo'ergai (Dzoege) county, Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture (T&QAP), Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., Phayul, 13 February 13; Free Tibet, 13 February 13; TCHRD, 14 February 13.

**97. January 22, 2013**. Kunchog Kyab, male, age 23, farmer, married father of one child; self-immolated near Bora Monastery in Bola (Bora) township, Xiahe (Sangchu), Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu province; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 22 January 13; VOA, 22 January 13; Phayul, 22 January 13.

**96. January 18, 2013.** Tsering Phuntsog ( RFA, VOA) or Drubchog (TCHRD, Phayul), male, age 28, married father of two children; self-immolated in Songpan (Zungchu) county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan province; deceased. See, e.g., Phayul, 21 January 13; TCHRD, 21 January 13; VOA, 18 January 13; RFA, 18 January 13.

**95. January 12, 2013.** Tsering Tashi (VOA) or Tsering Dondrub (TPI), nickname Tsebe, male, age 22, layperson; self-immolated in Amuqu (Achog) township, Xiahe (Sangchu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., TPI, 12 January 13; Phayul, 12 January 13; VOA, 13 January 13.

**2012: As of December 9, 2012, self-immolation #94: 81 self-immolations reported; 73 reported fatal.**

**94. December 9, 2012.** Wangchen Kyi, female, age 17, self-immolated in Duehemao (Dokarmo) township, Zeku (Tsekhog) county, Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., VOA, 9 December 12 (Wangchen Kyi); Phayul, 9 December 12 ("Bhenchen Kyi"); RFA, 10 December 12 (Rinchen Kyi).

**93. December 8, 2012.** Konchog Phelgyal (or Konchog Phelgye), male, age 24, Sumdo Monastery monk studying at Tagtsang Lhamo Monastery (both monasteries located in Ruo'ergai (Dzoege) county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan); deceased. See, e.g., Phayul, 8 December 12; RFA, 8 December 12; TCHRD, 9 December 12 ("Konchog Phelgye").

**92. December 8, 2012.** Pema Dorje, male, age 23, layperson; self-immolated near Shitsang Monastery, located in Luqu (Luchu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 8 December 12; Phayul, 8 December 12.

**91. December 3, 2012.** Lobsang Gedun, male, age 29, monk of Penag Monastery in Banma (Pema) county, Guoluo (Golog) TAP, Qinghai; self-immolated in Banma county seat; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 3 December 12; VOA, 3 December 12; Phayul, 5 December 12.

**90. December 2, 2012.** Sungdu Kyab, male, age 17, married father of one child; Bola (Bora) township, Xiahe (Sangchu), Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu; taken away by police, hospitalized in Lanzhou. See, e.g., VOA, 2 December 12; RFA, 2 December 12; TCHRD, 3 December 12; Phayul, 28 December 12.

**89 November 30, 2012.** Konchog Kyab, male, age 29, father of two children; self-immolated in Hongxing (Shagdom) township, Ruo'ergai (Dzoege) county, Aba (Ngaba) T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 30 November 12; Phayul, 30 November 12; Phayul, 3 December 12.

**88. November 29, 2012.** Tsering Namgyal (or Tsering Tashi), male, age 31, married father of two children; Luqu (Luchu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., Phayul, 29 November 12 (Tsering Namgyal); VOA, 29 November 12 (Tsering Namgyal); RFA, 29 November 12 (Tsering Tashi).

**87. November 28, 2012.** Bande Khar (RFA and VOA) or Wangden Khar (Phayul), male, age 21; Hezuo (Tsoe) city, Gannan (Kanlho). TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 29 November 12; VOA, 29 November 12; Phayul, 29 November 12.

**86. November 27, 2012.** Sanggye Tashi, male, age 18; self-immolated in Sangke (Sangkhog) township, Xiahe (Sangchu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 28 November 12; Phayul, 28 November 12; VOA, 28 November 12.

**85. November 27, 2012.** Kalsang Kyab, male, age 24, nomad; Jiangzha (Kyangtsa) township, Ruo'ergai (Dzoege) county, Aba (Ngaba) T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., Phayul, 27 November 12; RFA, 27 November 12; Phayul, 29 November 12.

**84. November 26, 2012.** Gonpo Tsering, male, age 24, married father of three children; Luqu (Luchu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 26 November 12; VOA, 26 November 12; Phayul, 26 November 12.

**83. November 26, 2012**. Konchog Tsering, male, age 18, married; Achog township, Xiahe (Sangchu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., VOA, 26 November 12; RFA, 26 November 12; Phayul, 26 November 12.

**82. November 26, 2012.** Wanggyal, male, age about 20, student (Phayul, VOA, ICT); self-immolated near Seda Middle School, Seda (Serthar), Ganzi (Kardze) TAP, Sichuan; condition and location unknown. See, e.g., Phayul, 26 November 12; VOA, 26 November 12; RFA, 26 November 12 ("ex-monk," but no cite or detail); ICT, site visit 10 December 10.

**81. November 25, 2012.** Sanggye Drolma, female, age 17, nun of Mindrol Dargyeling nunnery in Dokarmo township, Zeku (Tsekhog) county, Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., Phayul, 26 November 12; VOA, 26 November 12; Phayul, 28 November 12 (note left behind).

**80. November 23, 2012.** Tamdrin Dorje, male, age 29, head of six-person household; Dokarmo township, Zeku (Tsekhog) county, Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., Phayul, 24 November 12; RFA, 24 November 12; ICT, 24 November 12.

**79. November 22, 2012.** Tamdrin Kyab, male, age 23, former monk of Shitsang Monastery; self-immolated in Luqu (Luchu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., VOA, 22 November 12; RFA 23 November 12; ICT, 24 November 12.

**78. 22 November 22, 2012.** Lubum Gyal, male, age 18; Duowa (Dowa) township, Tongren (Rebgong) county, Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., VOA, 22 November 12; ICT, 24 November 12; TCHRD, 27 November 12 (provides name Lubum Tsering).

**77. November 20, 2012.** Tsering Dondrub, male, age 34, married father of three children; self-immolated near a gold mine entrance in Achog township, Xiahe (Sangchu), Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., VOA, 20 November 12; Phayul, 20 November 12; TCHRD, 21 November 12.

**76. November 19, 2012.** Wangchen Norbu, male, age 25, lay; Xunhua (Yadzi) Salar Autonomous County, Haidong Prefecture, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 19 November 12; VOA, 19 November 12; Phayul, 20 November 12.

**75. November 17, 2012**. Sangdrag Tsering, male, age 24, married father of one child; Tongren (Rebgong), Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., VOA, 17 November 12; ICT, 19 November 12; Phayul, 18 November 12.

**74. November 17, 2012.** Chagmo Kyi, female, age 26, mother of two children; Tongren (Rebgong), Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., VOA, 17 November 12; VOA, 20 November 12 (letter calls on Xi Jinping to meet DL); TCHRD, 17 November 12; ICT, 17 November 12.

**73. November 15, 2012.** Khabum Gyal, male, age 18 or 19, layperson; Tongren (Rebgong), Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., Phayul, 15 November 12; RFA, 15 November 12; VOA, 15 November 12.

**72. November 15, 2012.** Tingzin Drolma (or Tenzin Drolma), female, age 23, layperson; Tongren (Rebgong), Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 15 November 12; Phayul, 15 November 12.

**71. November 12, 2012.** Nyingchag Bum (ICT: Nyangchag Bum), male, age 16; self-immolated in front of a government office building in Duowa (Dowa) township, Tongren (Rebgong) county, Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 12 November 12; VOA, 12 November 12; ICT, 14 November 12.

**70. November 12, 2012.** Nyingkar Tashi (ICT: Nyangkar Tashi), male, age 24, married; self-immolated in Duowa (Dowa) township, Tongren (Rebgong) county, Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 12 November 12; VOA, 12 November 12; ICT, 14 November 12; VOA, 20 November 12.

**69. November 10, 2012.** Gonpo Tsering, male, age 19; self-immolated near monastery in Hezuo (Tsoe) city, Gannan TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 10 November 12; Xinhua, 10 November 12 (reprinted in China Internet Information Center, 11 November 12); ICT, 13 November 12.

**68. November 8, 2012.** Kalsang Jinpa, male, age 18; former monk of Rongbo Monastery; self-immolated in front of Rongbo Monastery in Tongren (Rebgong) county, Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., Phayul, 8 November 12; RFA, 8 November 12; VOA, 8 November 12.

**67. November 7, 2012.** Tsegyal (or Tsegyu), male, age 27, father of two children; self-immolated in Bankar township, Biru (Driru) county, Naqu (Nagchu) prefecture, TAR; deceased (died in police custody on 18 November 12). See, e.g., TCHRD, 28 November 12; RFA, 7 November 12; VOA, 7 November 12.

**66. November 7, 2012.** Tamdrin Tso, female, age 23, mother of one child; Tongren (Rebgong) county, Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; self-immolated in market area of county seat; deceased. See, e.g., Phayul, 7 November 12; RFA, 7 November 12.

**63, 64, 65. November 7, 2012.** Three males, Dorje (age 15), Samdrub (16), and Dorje Kyab (16); monks, Ngoshul Monastery, located in Ngatoe Gomang township, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; self-immolated near the township police station; Dorje deceased; as well as and Samdrub and Dorje Kyab, both hospitalized. See, e.g., Phayul, 7 November 12; RFA, 7 November 12; TCHRD, 8 November 12.

**62. November 4, 2012.** Dorje Lhundrub, male, age 25, traditional artist; married father of two children; resident of Tongren (Rebgong) county, Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; self-immolated "some kilometers" west of Rongbo Monastery; deceased. See, e.g., VOA, 4 November 12; RFA, 4 November 12; ICT, 4 November 12.

**61. October 26, 2012.** Tsephag Kyab (or Tsewang Kyab), male, age 21; self-immolated in Sangke (Sangkhog) township, Xiahe county, Gannan TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 26 October 12; ICT, 26 October 12; VOA, 26 October 12.

**60. October 26, 2012.** Lhamo Tseten, male, age 24; self-immolated in Amuquhu (Achog) township, Xiahe county, Gannan TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., Free Tibet, 26 October 12; RFA, 26 October 12.

**58, 59. October 25, 2012.** Tsepo, male, age 20, and Tenzin, male, age 25; cousins residing in Biru (Driru) county, Naqu (Nagchu) prefecture, TAR; self-immolated near a school; Tsepo deceased; Tenzin, status unknown, taken away by security officials. ICT reported they were "from" Bankar Monastery in Bankar township. See, e.g., RFA, 27 October 12; ICT, 31 October 12.

**57. October 23, 2012.** Dorje Rinchen, male, age 58; married father of two children; resident of Xiahe county, Gannan TAP, Gansu; sold bread at Labrang Tashikhyil Monastery; self-immolated on main street of Xiahe county seat; deceased. See, e.g., Xinhua, 23 October 12 (reprinted in China Daily); ICT, 23 October 12; RFA, 23 October 12.

**56. October 22, 2012.** Dondrub, male, about 65, married layperson; resident of Xiahe county, Gannan TAP, Gansu; self-immolated on premises of Labrang Tashikhyil Monastery; deceased. See, e.g., ICT, 22 October 12; VOA, 22 October 12; TCHRD, 23 October 12.

**55. October 20, 2012.** Lhamo Kyab, male, age 27, married father of two children; resident of Bora township, Xiahe (Sangchu) county, Gannan TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 20 October 12; TCHRD, 29 October 12.

**54. October 13, 2012.** Tamdrin Dorje, male, early 50s, layperson residing near Hezuo (Tsoe) city, Gannan TAP, Gansu; self-immolated on premises of Tsoe Monastery; deceased. See, e.g., ICT, 13 October 12; Phayul, 13 October 12; Tibet Post International, 13 October 12.

**53. October 6, 2012.** Sanggye Gyatso, male, age 27, layperson residing near Hezuo (Tsoe) city, Gannan TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 6 October 12; Phayul, 6 October 12; VOA, 6 October 12.

**52. October 4, 2012.** Gudrub, age 43, male, layperson, writer; self-immolated in seat of Naqu (Nagchu) county, Naqu prefecture, TAR; hails from Biru (Driru) county, Naqu prefecture; deceased. See, e.g., Tibet Express, 4 October 12; ICT, 5 October 12; VOA, 4 October 12.

**51. September 29, 2012.** Yungdrung, male, age 27, layperson residing in Zaduo (Dzatoe) county, Yushu TAP, Qinghai, but hailing from Changdu county, Changdu prefecture, TAR; deceased. See, e.g., Tibet Express, 29 September 12; RFA, 29 September 12; Phayul, 1 October 12.

**49, 50. August 27, 2012.** Lobsang Kalsang, male, age 18, monk, Kirti Monastery; and Lobsang Damchoe, male, age 17, former monk, Kirti; Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; both deceased. See, e.g., ICT, 28 August 12; VOA, 27 August 12; RFA, 27 August 12.

**47, 48. August 13, 2012.** Lungtog, male, age 20, monk, Kirti Monastery; and Tashi, male, age 21, former monk, Kirti; Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; both deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 14 August 12, 15 August 12; VOA, 15 August 12; ICT, 15 August 12.

**46. August 10, 2012.** Choepa, male, age 24; nomad; resident of Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., China Daily, 27 January 13 (Jokba); TCHRD, 10 August 12; RFA, 11 August 12; Phayul, 11 August 12.

**45. August 7, 2012.** Drolkar Tso, female, age 26; mother of two children; resident of Hezuo (Tsoe) city, Gannan TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g., VOA, 7 August 12; RFA, 7 August 12; Xinhua, 8 August 12 (reprinted in CIIC).

**44. August 6, 2012.** Lobsang Tsultrim, male, age 21; monk, Kirti Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 6 August 12; Phayul, 7 August 12; Phayul, 8 August 12.

**43. July 17, 2012.** Lobsang Lozin, male, age 18; monk, Tsodun Monastery, Ma'erkang (Barkham) county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., ICT, 17 July 12; TCHRD, 17 July 12; RFA, 17 July 12.

**42. July 7, 2012.** Tsewang Dorje, male, age 22; nomad, resident in Dangxiong (Damshung) county, Lhasa municipality, TAR; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 9 July 12; Phayul, 9 July 12; TCHRD, 11 July 12.

**40, 41. June 20, 2012.** Tenzin Khedrub, male, age 24; former monk, Zilkar Monastery, Zaduo (Dzatoe) township, Chenduo (Tridu) county, Yushu TAP, Qinghai. Ngawang Norphel, male, age 22, layperson; residing in Zaduo but hailing from Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan. Self-immolated together in Zaduo township (Qinghai); both deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 20 June 12; TCHRD, 20 June 12; Phayul, 30 July 12.

**39. June 15, 2012.** Tamdrin Thar, male, age in 50s; nomad (forced to settle); resident of Jianza (Chentsa) county, Huangnan TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., Xinhua, 15 June 12 (reprinted in CIIC); TCHRD, 15 June 12; ICT, 15 June 12.

**38. May 30, 2012.** Rikyo (or Rechog), female, age 33; married mother of three children; resident of Rangtang (Dzamthang) county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., Free Tibet, 30 May 12; RFA, 31 May 12; ICT, 1 June 12; TCHRD, 1 June 12.

**36, 37. May 27, 2012.** Dorje Tseten, male, age 19, layperson from Xiahe county, Gannan TAP, Gansu; Dargye, male, age 25, former Kirti monk from Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; both employed at a restaurant in Lhasa, TAR; Dorje Tseten deceased; Dargye hospitalized. See, e.g., Global Times, 29 May 12; TCHRD, 28 May 12; ICT, 1 June 12.

**34, 35. April 19, 2012.** Choephag Kyab, Sonam, males, cousins aged in early 20s; laypersons, residents of Rangtang (Dzamthang) county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; both deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 19 April 12; ICT, 19 April 12; Phayul, 20 April 12, 24 April 12.

**32, 33. March 30, 2012.** Tenpa Dargyal, male, age 22, and Chime Palden, male, age 21; monks, Tsodun Monastery, Ma'erkang (Barkham) county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; both deceased. See, e.g., ICT, 30 March 12; RFA, 31 March 12, 7 April 12; Phayul, 8 April 12.

**31. March 28, 2012.** Sherab (or Lobsang Sherab), male, age 20; monk, Kirti Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., China Daily, 27 January 13 (Tsenam); RFA, 28 March 12; ICT, 29 March 12.

**30. March 17, 2012.** Sonam Dargyal, male, age 43; farmer, married father of three children; resident of Nianduhu (Nyenthog) township, Tongren county, Huangnan TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., Free Tibet, 17 March 12; RFA, 17 March 12; Phayul, 17 March 12.

**29. March 16, 2012**. Lobsang Tsultrim, male, age 20; monk, Kirti Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., China Daily, 27 January 13 (Lobsang Tsedru); RFA, 16 March 12, 20 March 12; ICT, 20 March 12; TCHRD, 20 March 12.

**28. March 14, 2012.** Jamyang Palden, male, age 34; monk, Rongbo Monastery, Tongren (Rebgong) county, Huangnan (Malho) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g. RFA, 14 March 12; VOA, 14 March 12; ICT, 14 March 12; Phayul, 1 October 12.

**27. March 10, 2012.** Gepe, male, age 18; monk, Kirti Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g. RFA, 12 March 12; VOA, 12 March 12; ICT, 20 March 12.

**26. March 5, 2012.** Dorje, male, age 18; layperson; resident of Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g. RFA, 5 March 12; ICT, 5 March 12; Phayul, 5 March 12.

**25. March 4, 2012.** Rinchen, female, age 32; widowed mother of four children, resident of Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g. RFA, 4 March 12; VOA, 4 March 12; FT, 4 March 12; ICT, 5 March 12.

**24. March 3, 2012**. Tsering Kyi, female, age 19; middle-school student, resident of Maqu (Machu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu; deceased. See, e.g. RFA, 4 March 12; VOA, 5 March 12; ICT, 5 March 12; Xinhua, 6 March 12 (translated in OSC, 13 March 12).

**23. February 19, 2012.** Nangdrol (or Nyadrol), male, age 18; layperson, resident of Rangtang (Dzamthang) county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See e.g., RFA 19 February 12; Phayul, 19 February 12; ICT, 22 February 12; Phayul, 24 February 12.

**22. February 17, 2012.** Damchoe Zangpo, male, age 38; monk, Bongtag Monastery, Wulan county, Haixi (Tsonub) Mongol and Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., VOA, 17 February 12; RFA, 17 February 12; ICT, 15 June 12. [Bongtag Monastery is in Wulan county, not Tianjun (Themchen) county, according to an AMI map.]

**21. February 13, 2012.** Lobsang Gyatso, male, age 19; monk, Kirti Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; taken away by security officials; hospitalized in unknown location. See, e.g., Xinhua, 14 February 12 (reprinted in China Daily); VOA, 13 February 12; RFA, 13 February 12; ICT, 13 February 12.

**20. February 11, 2012.** Tenzin Choedron, female, age 18; nun, Dechen Choekhorling Nunnery; Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., BBC, 13 February 12; ICT, 12 February 12; VOA, 12 February 12; Xinhua, 14 February 12 (reprinted in China Daily.

**19. February 9, 2012.** Sonam Rabyang, male, age mid-30s; monk of Lab Monastery, Chenduo (Tridu) county, Yushu (Yushul) TAP, Qinghai; believed hospitalized. See, e.g., VOA, 10 February 12; Phayul, 10 February 12; ICT, 23 February 12.

**18. February 8, 2012.** Rigzin Dorje, male, age19; former monk, Kirti Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 9 February 12; ICT, 10 February 12; Global Times, 12 February 12; Phayul, 4 March 12.

**17. January 14, 2012.** Lobsang Jamyang, male, age 21; former monk of Andu Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 14 January 12, 17 January 12; 18 January 12; Phayul, 14 January 12, 18 January 12; ICT, 14 January 12, 18 January 12; VOA, 17 Apr 12.

**16. January 8.** Sonam Wanggyal (Zoepa, Sopa), male, age 42; monk (Rinpoche), Dungkyob Monastery, Dari (Darlag) county, Guoluo (Golog) TAP, Qinghai; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 9 January 12, 20 January 12; Xinhua, 9 January 12 (reprinted in China Daily); Phayul, 17 January 12; ICT, 9 January 12.

**14, 15. January 6, 2012.** Tsultrim and Tennyi, males, both about 20; current (or former) Kirti monks; Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; both deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 6 January 12, 9 January 12; Phayul, 6 January 12, 10 January 12; Free Tibet, 6 January 12.

**2011: As of December 1, 2011, self-immolation #13: 12 self-immolations reported; 8 reported fatal.**

**13. December 1, 2011.** Tenzin Phuntsog, male, age 46; former monk of Karma Monastery located in Gama (Karma) township, Changdu county, TAR; current resident of Gama, married father of three children; deceased. See, e.g.,

RFA, 1 December 11, 8 December 11; Phayul, 9 December 11; Xinhua, 2 December 11, reprinted in China Daily; ICT, 1 December 11.

**12. November 3, 2011.** Palden Choetso (or Choesang), female, age 35; nun, Gaden Choeling Nunnery; Daofu county, Ganzi TAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 3 November 11; Phayul, 3 November 11; Xinhua, 3 November 11 (translated in OSC, 5 November 11); ICT, 4 November 11.

**11. October 25, 2011.** Dawa Tsering, male, age in 30s; monk, Gepheling Monastery; Ganzi county, Ganzi TAP, Sichuan; hospitalized but refused treatment and released. See, e.g., Phayul, 25 October 11; ICT, 28 October 11; RFA, 8 November 11.

**10. October 17, 2011.** Tenzin Wangmo, female, age 20; nun, Dechen Choekorling Nunnery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., Voice of America, 17 October 11; Phayul, 17 October 11; New York Times, 17 October 11.

**9. October 15, 2011.** Norbu Dradul, male, age 19; former monk, Kirti Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 15 October 11; Phayul, 15 October 11; ICT, 16 October 11; Phayul, 10 January 12.

**7, 8. October 7, 2011.** Choephel, male, age 19, and Khayang, male, age 18; former monks, Kirti Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; both deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 7 October 11; ICT, 7 October 11; Xinhua, 8 October 11, reprinted in China Daily; FT, 13 December 11.

**6. October 3, 2011.** Kalsang Wangchug, male, age 17; monk, Kirti Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; hospitalized. See, e.g., ICT, 3 October 11, 11 October 11; FT, 3 October 11; RFA, 4 October 11.

**4, 5. September 26, 2011.** Lobsang Kalsang, male, age 18, and Lobsang Konchog, male, age 18; monks, Kirti Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; both hospitalized. See, e.g., RFA, 26 September 11; ICT, 26 September 11; Xinhua, 26 September 11, reprinted in China Daily, Phayul, 4 March 12.

**3. August 15, 2011.** Tsewang Norbu, male, age 29; monk, Nyitso Monastery; Daofu county, Ganzi TAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., RFA, 15 August 11; Xinhua, 15 August 11, reprinted in CIIC; FT, 16 August 11.

**2. March 16, 2011.** Phuntsog (or Lobsang Phuntsog), age 20 or 21; monk, Kirti Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; deceased. See, e.g., ICT, 17 March 11; RFA, 17 March 11; Xinhua, 29 August 11, reprinted in China Daily.

**2009: 1 self-immolation reported; non-fatal.**

**1. February 27, 2009.** Tashi (or Tabe, Tapey), male, age 24; monk, Kirti Monastery, Aba county, Aba T&QAP, Sichuan; "detained" in a military hospital in Aba prefecture. See, e.g., Phayul, 17 December 11; ICT, 27 February 09; FT, 27 February 09; Xinhua, 5 March 09, reprinted in China Daily.